

1 **COMPETENCY-BASED EDUCATION FUNDING**

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3 STATE OF UTAH

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5 **LONG TITLE**

6 **General Description:**

7 This bill authorizes the State Board of Education to reimburse an eligible local
8 education agency for a student who graduates early.

9 **Highlighted Provisions:**

10 This bill:

- 11 ▶ defines terms;
- 12 ▶ establishes the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From
- 13 Competency-Based Education; and
- 14 ▶ authorizes the State Board of Education to reimburse a local education agency that
- 15 offers a competency-based education for a student who graduates early from the
- 16 local education agency.

17 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

18 None

19 **Other Special Clauses:**

20 This bill provides a special effective date.

21 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

22 ENACTS:

23 **53A-17a-173**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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25 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

26 Section 1. Section **53A-17a-173** is enacted to read:

27 **53A-17a-173. Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From**

28 **Competency-Based Education.**

29 (1) As used in this section:

30 (a) "Board" means the State Board of Education.

31 (b) "Cohort" means a group of students, defined by the year in which the group enters
32 grade 9.

33 (c) "Eligible LEA" means an LEA that has demonstrated to the board that the LEA or,
34 for a school district, a school within the LEA, provides and facilitates competency-based
35 education that:

36 (i) is based on the core principles described in Section 53A-15-1803; and

37 (ii) meets other criteria established by the board in rule.

38 (d) "Eligible student" means an individual who:

39 (i) attended an eligible LEA and graduated by completing graduation requirements, as
40 described in Section 53A-13-108, earlier than that individual's cohort completed graduation
41 requirements because of the individual's participation in the eligible LEA's competency-based
42 education;

43 (ii) no longer attends the eligible LEA; and

44 (iii) is not included in the LEA's average daily membership under this chapter.

45 (e) "Local education agency" or "LEA" means:

46 (i) a school district;

47 (ii) a charter school; or

48 (iii) the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind.

49 (f) "Partial pupil" means if an eligible student attends less than a full year of
50 membership, the number of days the student was in measurement compared to a full
51 membership year.

52 (g) "Program" means the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From
53 Competency-Based Education established in this section.

54 (2) (a) There is established the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From
55 Competency-Based Education.

56 (b) Subject to future budget constraints, the Legislature may annually appropriate
57 money to the Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation From Competency-Based
58 Education.

59 (3) An LEA may apply to the board to receive a reimbursement, as described in
60 Subsection (5), for an eligible student.

61 (4) The board shall approve a reimbursement to an LEA after the LEA demonstrates:

62 (a) that the LEA is an eligible LEA; and

63 (b) that the individual for whom the eligible LEA requests reimbursement is an eligible

64 student.

65 (5) (a) For each eligible student, the board shall only reimburse an eligible LEA:

66 (i) if the eligible student attended the eligible LEA for less than a full school year
67 before the eligible student's cohort graduated, up to the value of one weighted pupil unit pro
68 rated based on the difference between:

69 (A) the number of days of partial pupil in average daily membership earned by the
70 eligible LEA while the eligible student was still in attendance; and

71 (B) a full pupil in average daily membership; and

72 (ii) the value of one weighted pupil unit for each full school year the eligible student
73 graduated ahead of the eligible student's cohort.

74 (b) The board shall:

75 (i) use data from the prior year average daily membership to determine the number of
76 eligible students; and

77 (ii) reimburse the eligible LEA in the current school year.

78 (6) The board shall in accordance with Title 63G, Chapter 3, Utah Administrative
79 Rulemaking Act, adopt rules to administer the provisions of this section.

80 Section 2. **Effective date.**

81 This bill takes effect on July 1, 2017.